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**Applicants** 

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AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL LESS SUSCEPTIBLE

TO CRACKING DURING FORMING AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Group Art Unit

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Examiner

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the claims are reflected and listed on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

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